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SUBJECT: MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR GDR JOURNALISTS ASSIGNED TO THE US

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES THE INFORMATION THAT FLORA LEWIS OF NYT AND JOEL FLEMING OF UPI HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED TO THE GDR. WE WERE AWARE FROM CONVERSATION WITH HUGH ERB OF AP THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE UNDERWAY BETWEEN AP AND GDR AUTHORITIES BOTH CONCERNING ACCREDITATION OF AN AP CORRESPONDENT, POSSIBLY STATIONED IN COPENHAGEN, AND CONCERNING ACCESS TO AP'S SUBSTANTIAL BLOCKED FUNDS HELD IN THE GDR.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF THE ACCREDITATION OF AN AP CORRESPONDENT, ERB STILL HOPES THAT HE AND OR HENRY HARTZENBUSCH, THE BONN CORRESPONDENT (WITH MAIN OFFICE IN FRANKFURT/MAIN) MIGHT BE ACCREDITED.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS EXPLAINED THE US POSITION ON ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO THE GDR MFA AS DETAILED IN REFTEL B. IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MFA REQUESTED IN REFTEL A DIRECTED AT VERIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION WITH MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS OF FLORA LEWIS AND JOEL FLEMING, WE PROPOSED TO EXPLORE AGAIN GDR ATTITUDE TOWARD ACCREDITATION OF U.S. CORRESPONDENTS STATIONED IN THE FRG AND WEST BERLIN. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT

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THE ORIGINAL POSITION STATED IN REFTEL B IS ERODED BY

U.S. MEDIA APPARENTLY CAVING-IN TO THE GDR POSITION AGAINST ACCREDITA  
TION  
OF CORRESPONDENTS STATIONED IN THE FRG AND WEST BERLIN, WE  
BELIEVE A FURTHER EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE RELIEF FROM  
THIS UNJUSTIFIED GDR RESTRICTION. COOPER

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